

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Adoption of the CenturyTel )  
of Missouri, LLC / CD Telecommunications, )  
LLC Interconnection Agreement by Ozark )  
Telecom, LLC, and the Approval of the First )  
Addendum to Interconnection Agreement )  
Between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and )  
Ozark Telecom, LLC, pursuant to Sections )  
252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996. )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
AND APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
FIRST ADDENDUM TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel"), in accordance with Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 CSR 240-3.513, and respectfully files the attached Adoption of Interconnection Agreement ("Adoption") and requests recognition by the Commission of the Adoption and approval of the accompanying First Addendum to Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel and Ozark Telecom, LLC ("Ozark"), pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") under Sections 252(e) and 252(i).

1. CenturyTel is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Copies of CenturyTel's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2002-232, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). CenturyTel's principle place of business is

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2. CenturyTel has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, Ozark notified CenturyTel that it desired to adopt the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel and CD Telecommunications, LLC approved by the Commission in Case Number TK-2006-0126 (the "Terms"). Subsequent to this, CenturyTel and Ozark signed a letter relating to Ozark's adoption of the Terms. A copy of said letter, including the signature page signed by both parties to the adoption, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. There are no outstanding issues between CenturyTel and Ozark relating to such adoption.

4. Section 252(i) of the Act provides as follows:

(i) AVAILABILITY TO OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CARRIERS.-

A local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection services, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting

telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and condition as those provided in the agreement.

5. Concurrent with the above-referenced adoption, following good faith negotiations CenturyTel and Ozark also agreed to supplement and amend the underlying adopted agreement by executing the attached First Addendum To Interconnection Agreement ("First Addendum") on June 13, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit 2. There are no outstanding issues between CenturyTel and Ozark that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

6. CenturyTel seeks the Commission's approval of the First Addendum, consistent with the provisions of the Act. CenturyTel believes that the implementation of this First Addendum complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Act because it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The First Addendum promotes interconnectivity and diversity in providers, and will increase customer choices for telecommunications services. CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission grant approval of this First Addendum, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiation and compromise between CenturyTel and Ozark.

7. The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act, which provides:

(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

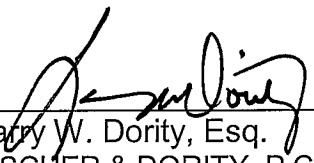
- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED. – Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted

- shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) **GROUND FOR REJECTION.** – The State Commission may only reject –
- (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that –
- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .

8. The negotiated and executed First Addendum is consistent with Missouri Senate Bill 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

**WHEREFORE,** CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully requests the Commission to enter an Order simultaneously recognizing the attached Adoption of Interconnection Agreement and approving the attached First Addendum To Interconnection Agreement, both entered into with Ozark Telecom, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

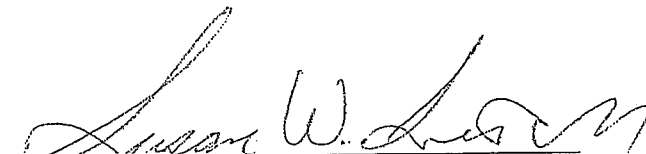
  
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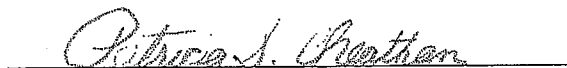
VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS                    )  
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COUNTY OF BOWIE                )

I, Susan W. Smith, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Director of External Affairs, CenturyTel, and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C.; and that the facts set forth in the foregoing pleading are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
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Susan W. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
2006.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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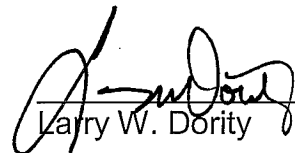
## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2006 to:

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